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Lebanon

PLO, Syrian Withdrawal Process -- Two ships carrying PLO fighters left Beirut port on 25 August, one carrying 560 fighters to the Syrian port of Tartus and the other carrying 490 fighters bound for Sudan, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. The radio also revealed that Hani al-Hasan, political adviser to PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat was on board the ship headed for Syria. Although a PLO official told ANSA that 'Arafat himself left Beirut on 22 August aboard the ship bound for Tunisia, the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio said 'Arafat made an inspection tour in west Beirut on 25 August.

Beirut radio said Palestine Liberation Army forces affiliated with Syria are scheduled to begin the overland departure to Syria on 26 August, and the 3,500 men will arrive in Syria within 2 days. The radio affirmed that the Syrian command has decided to recall the 3,000 Syrian soldiers from Beirut during the last 3 days of August. Jerusalem radio announced that Israeli Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon and U.S. envoy Philip Habib have agreed to permit Syria to send trucks to Beirut to haul heavy Syrian equipment out of the city.

Further Reaction to Al-Jumayyil Election -- If Bashir al-Jumayyil signs a security or peace treaty with Israel in violation of the unanimous 1978 Baghdad summit resolutions, Syria will consider itself in a state of war with him, a Syrian military official declared in remarks reported by Monte Carlo radio. Regarding Al-Jumayyil's demand for the withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli forces from Lebanon, the official said Syria is prepared to withdraw all its forces within 24 hours of an Israeli evacuation. However, so long as a single Israeli soldier remains in Lebanon, the Syrians will stay there, he added.

Meanwhile, opposition to Al-Jumayyil's election as president mounted among both Christian and Muslim communities in northern Lebanon with both former President Sulayman Franjiyah and former Prime Minister Rashid Karami announcing they will refuse to cooperate with the new president, according to AFP. In Beirut, U.S. envoy Habib has asked former Prime Minister Sa'ib Salam to meet with Al-Jumayyil, affirming that the president-elect understands the need for a Christian-Muslim understanding, Beirut radio reported.

Stressing Saudi Arabia's "firm policy" of noninterference in Lebanon's affairs, a Saudi spokesman cited by SPA denied a UPI report that Al-Jumayyil owed his successful election to Saudi backing.

PLO Position -- In an interview in Jordan, reported by Amman radio, PLO Political Department head Faruq Qaddumi asserted that the PLO strategy of force will not change after the evacuation from Beirut and that armed struggle will continue so long as Israel occupies Lebanese territory. Qaddumi later met with King Husayn to discuss the invasion of Lebanon and Arab unity, Amman television reported.

Interviewed by Kuwait's AL-ANBA' in Damascus, PLO Executive Committee member Mahmud 'Abbas claimed the USSR has done everything the PLO requested in the military and political spheres. He criticized Libyan leader Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi for being in no position to give the Palestinians advice.

Meanwhile, the president of Yugoslavia invited PLO Chairman 'Arafat to visit Yugoslavia when it is convenient, Voice of Palestine radio reported.

Militiary Situation -- The Israelis and Syrians continued to reinforce their positions in the Al-Biqa' Valley, according to Voice of Lebanon radio. Nevertheless, some Israeli forces have withdrawn southward from Beirut toward Israel, ITIM reported. The Voice of Lebanon accused the remaining Palestinians and their allies in west Beirut of firing at the Al-Hadath area on the night of 24 August. The previous evening an Israeli corporal was shot dead by a sniper at the Galerie Sim'an crossing, IDF radio reported citing the IDF spokesman.

Inter-Arab Affairs

During brief visits to Damascus and Amman, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal discussed the forthcoming Arab conference with Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad and Jordanian King Husayn, according to Damascus radio and Amman television. Faysal said his visits were aimed at narrowing the gap among Arab viewpoints prior to the conference, the television noted. "Informed sources" in Saudi Arabia cited by Monte Carlo radio said President al-Asad will head the Syrian delegation to the Fes summit, which will request his government to withdraw its forces from Lebanon. A Syrian source cited by the radio confirmed that Syria will participate in the Arab foreign ministers preparatory conference starting 28 August, the radio also reported. A KUNA report says Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam will attend the summit and Al-Asad will not.

Iran-Iraq War

Iraq bombed oil installations on Khark Island scoring "direct and effective" hits, an Iraqi military spokesman declared in a statement carried by Baghdad radio. He reiterated Iraq's warning to ships approaching Khark Island. In a speech to military commanders reported by Tehran radio, Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i claimed that Iran is capable of making it impossible for the Iraqis to survive in the Persian Gulf.

Israel

As soon as all the "terrorists" have evacuated Beirut, Israel will ask Egypt to resume the Palestinian autonomy talks Prime Minister Menahem Begin told visiting U.S. congressmen in remarks reported by IDF radio. Prior to his departure for the United States, Defense Minister Sharon met with Palestinian village league leaders and restated Israel's call for Jordan to join the Camp David process, according to Jerusalem radio reports. The defense minister also asked Philip Habib to transmit another warning to the Syrians about cease-fire violations in Lebanon, the radio noted. Meanwhile, in remarks broadcast by the radio, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir described Syria's threat to declare war against Lebanon if it makes peace with Israel as "brutal and insolent."

Egypt

The interior minister issued a decree releasing 244 persons detained under the Emergency Law, MENA reported.

Libya

A Voice of Arab Homeland commentary called on revolutionary committees to prepare a "day of revenge" against treasonous Arab regimes. The commentary pointed out that Egypt so far has escaped revolutionary committee activity, which must be escalated in this important "front of confrontations."

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PROTEST TO PRC OVER BORDER PACT WITH PAKISTAN

BK251356 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] India has lodged a protest with China over the protocol signed with Pakistan on opening the Kunjerab Pass on the Karakoram highway in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

A spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs, while replying to questions from newsmen, said that this was done orally when the Chinese ambassador in India called on Joint Secretary Ranjit Sethi in New Delhi today.

As reported earlier, India has also lodged a protest to Pakistan against the protocol on the opening of the Kunjerab Pass. India has also protested against the establishment of border post in that pass.

SPOKESMAN: NONALIGNED VENUE AWAITS CONSENSUS

BK251618 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] A spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry told newsmen in New Delhi today that India would start preparations for the nonaligned summit only after the consensus of the movement about the venue is reached. Replying to questions, he said India is prepared to host the summit and some preliminary thinking has already been done in the matter. He said intensive talks had already been held on the subject in New York recently. The Coordinating Bureau is expected to meet during this week or the next by which time the consensus is likely to emerge.

COMMERCE MINISTER SPEAKS ON TRADE WITH IRAN

BK260405 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] Commerce Minister Shiv Raj Patil has said in Dubayy that India's trade with Iran last year was in the region of 5 billion rupees but there was scope for further increase in two-way trade. Patil, who was speaking to newsmen during a brief stopover in Dubayy, identified tea, rice, sugar and vegetable oil as the commodities which have a ready market in Iran. Patil, who is leading a 17-member delegation to Iran, explored the ways to strengthen bilateral economic ties.

SANJAY GANDHI'S WIDOW TO FORM NEW POLITICAL PARTY

BK251155 Hong Kong AFP in English 1138 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 25 (AFP) -- Maneka Gandhi, widow of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's younger son Sanjay, today announced that her "Sanjay Vichar Manch" (Forum of Sanjay's Thoughts) group was shortly to be converted into a formal rival political party to the ruling Congress.

She also announced at a press conference here that two members of parliament belonging to the prime minister's party had decided to support her 4-month-old forum and sit as independents in the national legislature.

But neither of the MP's -- Kalpanath Sonkar and Ramnarayan Tripathi, both from Mrs Gandhi's home state of Uttar Pradesh -- were available for comment when contacted at home by phone.

The forum came into being shortly after Maneka abruptly quit her mother-in-law's official residence in March after a row with Mrs Gandhi.

The two were reported to have had a sharp exchange over Maneka's attendance at a public function organised by a youth faction supporting her late husband despite a strict directive by the ruling party high command, headed by Mrs Gandhi, against the rally.

Mrs Gandhi is the chairman of her party. Maneka, 25, has since been slowly but steadily working to build herself up into a political rival of her mother-in-law.

Maneka forecast other state legislators in Uttar Pradesh would switch to her forum from the Congress Party in the near future. She said a membership enrollment drive was already on and so far 85,000 members had been admitted in Uttar Pradesh.

This drive will conclude on October 15 when Maneka plans to announce the formation of a national party, its name and constitution.

Answering a question, she said "several factors" had led the two Congress Party MP's to come out in support of her forum. They were "very unhappy" with the working of the Congress Party and its "very centralized rule," and felt the party was unable to cope with the people's problems.

Maneka said she would be touring parts of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab states in the coming weeks.

Amethi, the parliamentary constituency represented by her late husband and now Sanjay's elder brother and the only surviving son of Mrs Gandhi, Rajiv, would be one of the places she would visit, she said.

Maneka promised that the forum would intensify its activities before being formalised into a political party.

JOURNALISTS WILL STRIKE OVER 'ANTI-PRESS' BILL

BK251535 Hong Kong AFP in English 1443 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 25 (AFP) -- All newspapers and agencies in India are to observe a one-day nationwide strike on September 3 in protest against the "Anti-press" Bill passed recently by Bihar State Government, an action committee announced here today.

The joint action committee of various journalists, newspaper and news agencies employees organisations said the 24-hour strike would start at 0800 local.

The committee, noted with regret that the federal government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as well as the Bihar Government, also controlled by Mrs Gandhi's Congress Party, had not responded to the unanimous demand by newspaper organisations and others all over the country to withdraw the "obnoxious" Bihar bill.

The committee also called for the repeal of similar "anti-press" laws in Tamil Nadu, in the south, Jammu and Kashmir, in the north, both ruled by non-Congress regional parities and in Orissa, on the east coast, also ruled by Congress.

It appealed to those journalists and other press organisations, which had already announced they would strike, to defer their action till September 3. This would help synchronise joint action throughout the country on a single day.

The committee also warned the Bihar and other governments that their efforts "to frighten the press" and prevent it from reporting facts would be resisted.

The Bihar bill to deal with "scurrilous" writing in newspapers and periodicals, termed by mediamen a "black bill" and a "draconian law," empowered the government to arrest and imprison a journalist for two to three years with or without a fine.

BRIEFS

AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA -- India's High Commissioner to Malaysia, Prakash Hiralal Shah, has been appointed ambassador to Venezuela. He succeeds Shiv Kumar. [Text] [Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 19 Aug 82 BK]

INDIAN PROTEST OF KASHMIR-PRC PROTOCOL REJECTED

BK251730 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in Islamabad today that the Government of India has no business in international law for a protest against the agreement concluded by Pakistan and China on the 22d of this month for (?regulating) its civilian traffic through the Khunjerab Pass. He recalled tht in a reply to similar Indian protests in 1969 and 1978 regarding the Karakoram highway, the Government of Pakistan had also pointed out that the question of the Jammu and Kashmir remains to be resolved in accordance with the relevent resolutions of the United Nations. Also, under the Simla agreement, pending a final settlement of this question both sides maintained their respective recognized position.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSES 'REFORMATION' OF SOCIETY

BK251426 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] A special inter-provincial conference began in Islamabad today to discuss the initiation of the national campaign for the refermation of society, as enunciated by the president in his address to the nation on the Independence Day. The meeting, which is being chaired by President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq, is being attended by the provincial governors, federal ministers, advisers, provincial ministers, federal secretaries, chief secretaries, deputy martial law administrators as well as provincial inspectors general of police and divisional commissioners.

KABUL REPORTEDLY TIGHTENS SECURITY FOR KARMAL

BK251428 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] Security measures for the protection of the head of Kabul regime, Babrak Karmal, have been further tightened after the latest developments in Afghanistan. He moves about in Kabul under strict security arrangements of the Soviet Army authorities. According to a report from Afghanistan, the tank force stationed at the presidential palaces (Ooyd) and (Qsere Sahil Sapoon) have been doubled and an additional tank force has been stationed outside the palaces as well.

Meanwhile, the decision of Babrak Karmal to take over direct control of the armed forces has created a rift in the army clique in Kabul and has multiplied the contradictions within the ruling party.

BRIEFS

PRC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE -- Lahore, Aug 17 -- Chinese Agriculture Machinery Corporation (CAMC) will provide full technical assistance to Pakistan Engineering Company (PECO) in manufacturing 12-horse-power diesel engines in Pakistan. Mr (Jiang Zhorong), leader of 5-member delegation from China, in a dinner hosted by the 'PECO' dealers at a local hotel here informed that PECO will have the exclusive right to import these engines in any form and its components in Pakistan. Chinese engineers will also be coming to PECO to help them in the production programme. He also assured full after sale service and spareparts facilities. He hoped that this engine will contribute to the development of agriculture in Pakistan and will strengthen Pakistan-China friendship. [Excerpt] [Karachi DAWN in English 18 Aug 82 p 4]

MUSAVI DENOUNCES LEBANON'S PRESIDENT-ELECT

LD251236 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Excerpts] According to the Central News Unit the Cabinet held a session this morning chaired by Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi. During this session, the latest events in the country and the political developments in the region were discussed and reviewed. Also during this session a number of (?urgent) proposals were discussed and referred to the relevant committees, which approved the following:

In accordance with Note 72 of the budget bill for 61 [21 March 82 - 20 March 83], the sum of 35 billion rials out of the contingency expenditure allocation was allocated as follows to cover the deficit in the current allowance for local executive apparata in the provinces so it can be spent in accordance with the criteria set in the 61 budget bill:

Twenty billion rials is to be distributed through the Ministry of Education and Training to its departments in the provinces.

Twelve billion rials is to be added to the current budget of regional health organizations and provincial welfare organizations.

Three billion rials is to be placed at the disposal of the planning and budget organization so that after careful appraisal of the deficit in the allowance of the other local executive apparata in the provinces it can be distributed among them.

After today's Cabinet session, in an interview with reporters concerning the Phalangists assuming power in Lebanon, Prime Minister Musavi said: The appointment of Bashir al-Jumayyil as president of Lebanon has been done by Israel and the United States. He is an imposed president and an ally of Zionism and imperialism. His aim is to destroy the Western [as heard] and Islamic trend of Lebanon. [Tehran IRNA in English at 1931 GMT on 25 August carries a shorter report on Musavi's remarks rendering the preceding phrase: "to destroy the Arabic as well as the Islamic identity of Lebanon"]

Concerning the forthcoming Arab summit, he said: At the time, the imam of the Islamic community, our government and nation opposed the Fahd plan, and at present we are against this conference and consider it an imperialist plan. Rumors that have started with the reconvening of that conference exposed the nature of the reactionary Arab countries who placed Lebanon in the hands of Zionist and imperialist butchers, and who did nothing. Now it is Bashir al-Jumayyil, the representative of the military wing of the Lebanese Phalangists, who has been imposed on the people of Lebanon as their president with the support of Zionism. We shall in the future witness how, with Israel's aid, he will slaughter the people of Lebanon and take steps to bring them under U.S. rule.

The prime minister pointed out in conclusion: It seems that the reactionary Arab countries are triumphant with the help the United States and Israel. But this is in fact a step toward burying them all in a deep hole.

FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON TRIP TO CUBA, L.A.

LD252132 Tehran IRNA in English 1956 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] Tehran, Aug 25, IRNA -- Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmad Azizi who had gone to Cuba, Nicaragua and Peru to clarify and outline the stands of the Islamic Republic of Iran vis-a-vis the Non-aligned Movement, the non-aligned summit conference and the foreign ministers' assembly, returned to Tehran this morning. Azizi, during his 14 day trip, met with the heads of the said countries and presented to them the message of President Khamene'i.

In his meeting with Cuban leader Fidel Castro, Azizi said that he thanked Cuba's response towards "the realistic wave" which had arisen among the non-aligned members concerning the future of the non-aligned summit meeting. He added that Cuba's invitation of the non-aligned foreign ministers to Havana was an appropriate measure.

The Foreign Ministry undersecretary said that he made it clear to the Cuban officials that the postponement of the Baghdad summit was not probable, despite predictions of some non-aligned nations that the Iraqi imposed war would end in a few months. He said that this was because the Islamic Republic combatants were continuing their efforts against Iraq, and there were no guarantees that such predictions would be realised.

Concerning relations with Nicaragua, Azizi said that in his meeting with Daniel Ortega, the head of Nicaragua's governing council, the two officials conferred on expanding relations between the Islamic Republic and Nicaragua. Azizi said that this country's foreign minister was given an invitation to visit the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Commenting on the position of the Islamic Republic's future relations with the new Lebanese Government, he said that the Islamic Republic would analyse and reconsider its relations with that country. Azizi also said that the obvious nature of the newly elected Lebanese president, Bashir al-Jumayyil, and his dependence on the U.S. and the Zionist regime would naturally bring the Islamic Republic into a new stage of relations with that country.

INDIAN COMMERCE DELEGATION MEETS WITH MINISTERS

Heavy Industries Minister

LD251224 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Excerpt] According to the Central News Unit, Indian Commerce Minister Shivraj Patil, who has come to Tehran for talks with officials on expanding trade and cooperations between the two countries, accompanied by members of his delegation, met with Heavy Industries Minister Behzad Nabavi and other officials of this ministry this morning. During this meeting the possibility of cooperation between the two countries in various fields of heavy industry was discussed. It was emphasized that during committee meetings between experts from the two countries, certain agreements should be reached within the framework of industrial cooperation between Iran and India.

During today's meeting between the Indian commerce minister and our country's heavy industries minister, it was also agreed that a delegation of Iranian experts should visit India in order to review the possibility of further joint cooperation between the two countries.

Mines, Transport Ministers

LD251900 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Excerpts] According to a Central News Unit Report, the Indian minister of commerce and his entourage, who are on a visit to Tehran for talks with our country's authorities on expanding trade and cooperation, this afternoon met and talked with Minister of Mines and Metals Mr Musavaian. During the meeting Mr Musavaian began by welcoming the Indian commerce minister and said: Your visit to our country is a step toward increasingly strengthening our friendly relations and we hope to have increasingly stronger relations with the Third World and nonaligned countries in order to be able to struggle against the superpowers with greater vigor.

He referred to the exchange of experts and technology between the two countries and said that we wish to utilize the experience garnered by Indian specialists and teach it to our Iranian brothers.

Then the Indian commerce minister, thanking Mr Musavian, said: We are pleased to come to Iran a few days after the visit by you and the esteemed speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly in order to take more effective steps toward strengthening the friendly ties between the two countries.

He then referred to the opportunities in industry and agriculture which the Indian Government could extend to Iran and, pertaining to the purchase of oil and other goods from Iran needed by India, he said. We will continue as before to purchase such goods.

The Indian commerce minister and his entourage and the Indian ambassador to Iran this afternoon also met and had talks with Mr Hadinezhad-Hoseyniyan, the minister of roads and transport. During the meeting, the minister of roads and transport began by welcoming the Indian delegation and referred to features of Iran's Islamic revolution and the expansion of the railways in Iran since the revolution, saying that the Indian Government could place its worthy assistance at Iran's disposal in this regard. He then referred to the issue of land, air and sea transportation, and the construction of ports and shipping and expressed pleasure at the progress made by the Iranian-Indian shipping company. In conclusion, the minister of roads and transport called for further cooperation between the two countries in various fields.

KHAMENE'I ADDRESSES AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

LD251746 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] According to a report by the Central News Unit, Colonel Mo'inpur, the commander of the air force, together with a group of commanders, deputy commanders and officers, this morning met with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i.

At this meeting, the president, referring to the sensitivity of the fate of Islamic community said: With faith in the principles of the revolution we are building a road today which will be a factor in determining humanity's next move.

Referring to the expansionsm and hegemony of the big oppressive powers, Mr Khamene'i said: The present state of the world and the imposed equations and relations of hegemonic powers show that the interests of the superpowers in dominating countries are linked and coordinated as in today's disaster in Lebanon. A country which could be free and independent has been dominated in such a manner.

The president added: The main reason for the superpowers' incursions and their sinister domination over smaller countries is that people have forgotten about reliance on God, the most exalted, and do not believe in the forces of their own nations. Unfortunately today we are clearly witnessing an example of this in Lebanon's tragic incident.

Mr Khamene'i then added: Today we are able to bomb Iraqi cities but we shall not do that because we believe in beloved Islam. Anytime we wish we can set Iraq's industrial centers on fire and in the case of the continuation of the enemy's foul attacks we will do that. We are capable of turning the Persian Gulf into such a state that the enemy shall not be able to continue living.

In the continuation of his speech, the president greeted the clean souls of the martyrs of Islam and in particular the celebrated and martyred pilots of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran and said: Today you, the self-sacrificing and devoted brothers, through your military moves, have been able to determine the political lines of the region as well.

In conclusion Mr Khamene'i emphasized the necessity of preserving and strengthening faith and warned against internal conspiracies of the enemies of the Islamic Revolution aimed at creating discord among the people, and in particular among the combatants of Islam, and hoped that with the preservation of unity and integrity all the internal conspiracies, like the external attacks of the enemies of the Islamic revolution, would be foiled.

KHOMEYNI NAMES INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE TO GUARDS

LD260246 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 25 Aug 82

["Text" of decree issued on 25 August by Ayatollah Khomeyni]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Reza Faker, may your good work continue: Hojjat ol-Eslam Taheri is abroad, and in his absence you are appointed as my representative to take charge of all the tasks that had been assigned to him regarding the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps. You should follow up cultural and Islamic issues with ever greater zeal.

It is hoped, God willing, that you will be successful in this task. The various echelons of the corps, be they commanders or other personnel, must give you the necessary cooperation.

May peace and God's mercy be upon you.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi-Khomeyni, 25 August 1982

KHOMEYNI REAPPOINTS INVESTIGATOR FOR KORDESTAN

LD241800 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 24 Aug 82

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, Imam Khomeyni, leader of the Islamic revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, issued a command reappointing Hojjat ol-Heslam Hajj Seyyed Musa Musavi to solve the religious and social problems in Kordestan. The text of the command is as follows:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful.

Your Excellency Hojjat ol-Eslam Hajj Seyyed Musa Musavi, may your good work continue:

Just as you were formerly commissioned to investigate and strive to solve the religious and social problems of the oppressed and meek population of Kordestan, you are hereby entrusted -- God Almighty willing -- to carry out the same mission with greater decisiveness and efforts. You are entrusted to carry out the necessary endeavors, armed with the special sagacity and expertise with which you are endowed, to put right the shortcomings in the region caused by the indifference or animosity of the former hateful regime toward the Kurdish people and the acts of destruction carried out by the misled, traitorous and destructive minigroups. To this end the government organs and institutions and the esteemed population of that region, may God Almighty help them, should give you the necessary cooperation.

I beseech Almighty God to grant Your Excellency success along this path. May peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi-Khomeyni, 24 August 1982

JOINT COMMUNIQUE 1,027 ON MILITARY SUCCESSES

LD251754 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Communique No 1,027 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The zealous combatants on the battlefronts of good against evil, armed with courage and selflessness coupled with worthy toughness, have inflicted telling losses on the enemy by their fighting on the forward lines of the operational zones in the southern parts of the country and by opening intense artillery and mortar fire on the enemy's positions during the past 24 hours. Thanks to heavy artillery fire by the intrepid men of the army on a number of enemy tanks and servicemen in the Basrah region, a group of Saddam's dupes were killed and their troop movements were decisively halted.

Exchange of fire between our naval servicemen and Saddam's agents on the opposite bank of the Arvand Rud [Shatt al-'Arab] continued, while our own forces enjoyed firepower superiority. As a result, three enemy bunkers and observation posts were destroyed and a number of Saddam's servicemen were annihilated.

Thanks to thunderous fire by our forces on the weapons and oil installations at Al-Faw, losses and damage were inflicted on enemy equipment. Artillery and mortar fire directed on Panjwin, Tawilah and [name indistinct] silenced enemy artillery. Five enemy vehicles were destroyed and a number of their servicemen were killed.

An exchange of sporadic fire continued throughout the fronts and the combatants of the Islamic army, while defending the positions entrusted to their care, are engaged in strengthening their fortifications and removing mines.

Enemy violations of the Islamic Republic's airspace were thwarted many times thanks to the opening of timely fire by our antiaircraft units and the skill of our air force pilots. The intruding Iraqi aircraft were forced to flee.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

IRAQI FORCES STILL REMAIN ON IRANIAN TERRITORY

LD252146 Tehran IRNA in English 1945 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] Bakhtaran, Aug 25, IRNA -- The Naft Shah heights and its asphalt road, portions of (Naftuleh) valley, (Chofteh) valley, (Rash Shakh Bazinan), (Shavel) valley, and the passes of (Huvan), Pishgan, (Hama), (Aghdaq), (Zain al-Kosh), Naft Shah, (Kohnehrig), Sumar, and the heights No. 343, 363, (Konan Cham), (Bahgamabad), and Mehran, still remain in Iraqi occupation.

According to the commander of the 81st Armoured Division, these regions have not been evacuated by the Iraqi aggressors, despite claims made by Saddam Hussayn that Iraq had withdrawn all of its forces from Iranian territory.

He said that during the past three days the Iraqis had made a number of movements involving several points and had tried to concentrate and strengthen their troops. He added, however, these movements were repelled "to a large extent" by the fire of the Islamic forces.

The commander also said that a number of Iraqi air violations had been checked by the Iranian forces in the western region while mopping-up operations of Iraqi mine fields continued in regions formerly occupied by the enemy forces.

The border towns of Qasr-e Shirin and Naft Shah, completely flattened by the Iraqis, are still under the Iraqi artillery fire, he said.

Meanwhile, reports from the fronts here said that some five Iraqi vehicles and a number of their bunkers had been destroyed, and scores of enemy soldiers killed in the western fronts during the preceding 24 hours. Also, enemy movements were halted and their artillery activity was silenced by the effective fire of the Islamic combatants.

Battles between the two forces continue during this period with the exchange of light and heavy weapons fire in all western fronts.

'HYPOCRITES' KILLED, ARRESTED IN KHUZESTAN

LD260908 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] The self-sacrificing guards of the Islamic revolution committees of Khuzestan either killed or arrested dozens of criminal mercenaries of the infernal hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] during a series of coordinated operations. Following the arrest of these hireling mercenaries of world arrogance, large quantities of arms and ammunition and some very important documents on the organization's internal works were seized by the guards of Islam. Several schemes of terror and explosion were thus foiled.

Some of these schemes are as follows: The plot to assassinate Colonel Sayyad-Shirazi, commander of the ground forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran; the plot to assassinate Mohsen Reza'i, commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps; the plot to assassinate Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi-Jazayeri, imam's representative and the Friday imam of Ahvaz; the plot to assassinate petroleum minister Gharazi; the plot to assissinate the Shari'a judge for the Khuzestan Province; the plot to assassinate more than 200 members of the guards corps and the mobilization forces, who have gone to the southern parts of the country to take part in the war against the Saddamist infidel; the plot to assissinate the gov rnor general of Khuzestan; the plot to assassinate several of the committed personnel of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran; the plot to blow up the library of the Islamic association of the 92d Armored Division in Khuzestan, and the plot to steal more than 300 Kalashnikovs.

The names of some of the annihilated and arrested leaders of the hypocrites are as follows:

1. ('Isa Khademi), alias Iraj, Reza and Hoseyn: leader of the organization in Khuzestan, main responsible figure for the organization's military and security system and founder of the special terrorist groups for assassination of the country's officials in Khuzestan.

2. (Mas'ud Bazargan), alias Abolqasem, Mansur Shahed and Hoseyn Akbari: in charge of the organization's financial and military matters and responsible for collecting ammunition in various cities. He was also in charge of preparing plots for assassinating state authorities and infiltrating military organs.

3. (Mohammad Haqiqat), alias Shahin and Arsalan: commander and designer of terror, reconnaissance and sabotage operations in Khuzestan Province. He was also in charge of several military teams.

4. (Hasan Safari), alias Sa'id and Ne'mat: organization official in Abadan.

5. ('Ali Mohavvaleh): official in charge of running the organization in Masjed Soleyman.

6. (Mohammad 'Ali Mohavvaleh), alias Hushan: a high ranking official of the organization.

7. (Simin Dehdashti), alias Sorayya: the girls' team leader.

8. (Ramazan Yahya'i), alias 'Abbas and Majid: active member of the military team.

9. (Ahmad Pakseresht): financial (?authority) and the person who manufactured ammunition and hand-operated weapons in Ahvaz.

10. (Mohammad Reza Nowruzi): official in charge of (?distributing) the organizations' arms and ammunition.

11. (Mohammad Za'im-Tanbaft-e Tabarai): member of the official labor cadre.

12. (Hamid Marvani): from the organization's training section.

13. (Reza Heydari), member of the military wing.

14. ('Abdorreza Mohavvaleh): organization member.

KHORRAMABAD GUARDS CRUSH PUYAN 'TERRORISTS'

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[Text] According to a report by the public relation department of the Khorramabad Islamic Revolution Guard Corps, 8 members of the remaining terrorists of the Feda'iyan-e Khalq organization-minority, who operate under the name of Puyan, were arrested with the selfless help of the hezbollahi and 36-million strong intelligence organization. This group comprises the remaining terrorist elements of the Feda'iyan-e Khalq organization-minority who were carrying out counterrevolutionary activities under the name of Puyan and who were crushed by the Khorramabad brother guards sometime ago.

NVOI LAUDS PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE, USSR SUPPORT

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[Unattributed commentary: "The Palestinian People's Struggle Continues"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: In connection with the Israeli Zionists' banditry aggression, which was committed with the overt support of world-devouring America and which was confronted by the courageous and selfless resistance of the Lebanese people and the Palestine liberation forces, realistic and informed observers rightly believe that in this battle of right against wrong the heroic Palestinian people and their armed forces emerged with honor from the test. The satanic plan of Israel and the United States to gain lightning victory, to bring the Palestinian strugglers to their knees and to destroy the Palestine liberation front was foiled.

Informed observers unanimously agree that if all Arab countries had acted decisively and selflessly, like the Palestinians, against the aggression of Israel and the United States, Israel would never have dared to act so impudently against the Arabs.

Yes, another stage of the Arabs' battle, particularly of the Palestinian people, for freedom, independence, territorial integrity and for gaining their rights has come to an end. The Israeli aggressors and their U.S. supporters should be now be aware that aggression and the imposition of war cannot achieve their desired aims for a long time. On the other hand, the brave resistance of the Palestinian fighters and the patriotic inhabitants of Beirut was also a warning to all Arab governments that only through resistance, alliance and unity can the Arab lands be cleansed of the filthy presence of the Israeli aggressors and their U.S. supporters, and the aggressor be put in his place.

As we are aware, after 2 months of unparalleled resistance, after months of enduring great deprivation, the PLO decided to withdraw its armed forces from Beirut. The withdrawal of the Palestine liberation forces from Beirut is by no means an indication of their military defeat or their unconditional surrender to the Israeli criminals, rather it was because of a sense of responsibility toward the fate of the civilian Lebanese and Palestinian people, who bade farewell to the Palestinian fighters in an unprecedented manner.

The Palestinian fighters proudly and with only the Palestinian flag -- not a white flag -- in their hands and with their personal weapons are leaving Lebanese soil in an orderly manner, and this itself is another example of the political and moral defeat of Israel and its U.S. supporter in the international arena.

The Palestinian problem does not end with the evacuation of the Palestinian fighters from Lebanese territory, but rather the struggle to achieve the indisputable right of the Palestinian people to form a Palestinian government in their tragic-stricken land enters a new phase. The ultimate aim of the Israeli aggressors, who by launching a savage attack on Lebanon had wanted to crush the will of the Palestinian people and to settle the Palestinian issue, was defeated. The selflessness, sacrifice and heroism of the Palestinian fighters, which have been lauded by all the world's people, once again prove the just cause of these tragic-stricken and struggling people who are becoming more tempered in the just struggle. Lebanon's bloody events and the savage aggression of Israel and the United States against the independent country of Lebanon have once more shown to the people of the world, and first and foremost to all the Arab countries, who are the true friends and who are the enemies of the Arab nations and their national rights. World-devouring America again showed to all the world's people its true face as the foe of freedom and independence of nations, including the Arab nations. The United States is exploiting the calamities and tragedies inflicted on the Lebanese and Palestinian people merely for the benefit of implementing its satanic plans to establish and escalate its military presence in the region; and this bitter reality is being observed by the world's people.

Amid these difficult days for the Lebanese and Palestinian people in which the Arab regimes are sitting with their arms folded, and in which many of the Arab states did not want to take any step to prevent the banditry and crimes of the Israeli Zionists being committed with the approval of world-devouring America, it was only the socialist government of the Soviet Union which rose in support of the Lebanese people and the Palestinian fighters, whether politically in international assemblies or on the battlefield from the financial, armament and moral aspects. This reality is being observed by the world's people as well.

Abu Mayzar, member of the PLO Executive Committee, has said: The Soviet Union was and remains the true friend of the Arabs. The Soviet Union has rendered and continues to render moral and financial assistance to the PLO and the Palestinian people in their just struggle against imperialism and Zionism.

In connection with the Soviet Union's policy toward the Arabs, the foreign minister of Kuwait has said: We place great value on the Soviet Union's political and military assistance and to that government's stance toward the Lebanese crisis, although we did not and do not expect the Soviet Union to fight instead of us in this battle.

It is worthwhile for some of our domestic commentators, who sometimes pretend to be more Catholic than the pope, to listen to these statements by the representatives of the Palestinian people and the realistic officials of Arab countries.

FREE VOICE OF IRAN DENOUNCES RETRIBUTION BILL

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[Excerpts] Countrymen, the anti-Iranian and anti-Islamic regime of Khomeyni, by making use of the time it has gained, is pushing its creeping attack against the system of rights, legal and human, of the Iranian nation nearer to its final objective.

The anti-Islamic and antidemocratic regime of Khomeyni is seeking to introduce its basic antihuman and antijustice code phase by phase. One of these phases is the so-called law of retribution which was initiated long ago, but because of the growing opposition, it was never adopted.

The Khomeyni regime, through its plots and machinations, has already ousted the legal practitioners from playing their role in the system of justice. Now that many legally-trained persons and advocates are living in shackles in the black pits, or have been handed over to executioners. The black and evil shadow of the Khomeyni regime is spreading over the major judicial institutions of Iran. Now there is a plan to introduce a bill of retribution that will patently put an end to all human rights, obliterate all the achievements and progress of human society and bury the good Iranian society. This bill is being quickly propelled towards its imposition.

The retribution bill, according to common understanding, amounts to a return to rules and regulations giving absolute power to the ruler to punish members of the Iranian society and a return to the days and times when there was no recognition of human rights. Since the Khomeyni regime puts no value on humans and humanity, it is natural that it puts no value on human rights. This regime has repeatedly shown its antagonism toward individual and collective human rights. The idea of human rights, the idea of individual and collective responsibilities, the protection of the right to a defense, the idea of recognition of human beings as members of society, who have the right to life, defense of freedom of conscience, is fully (?negated) in the retribution bill. In fact, any law on retribution must automatically incorporate the idea that every judicial court should act on the basis of legal rules when dispensing justice. However, today, as in the past 3 years, there has been no trace of appeal, revision or a just trial under this murderous regime.

Because the coterie of mullahs and the (?ruling group) has issued countless orders of torture, murder and long prison terms for thousands of innocent sons of our country, the criminal Khomeyni regime seeks to cloth these inhuman crimes in the sanctity of the law by introducing and imposing the retribution law.

It is the duty of all national fighters and defenders of human rights to work harder than ever to expose and condemn the antihuman plots and designs of the anti-Islamic regime of Khomeyni. It is rightly believed that this criminal and usurping regime would not dare to implement its antihuman plans as long as the antihuman laws of the ruling regime have no value in the eyes of the Iranian nation.

NVOI ATTACKS QOTBZADEH, JALALEDDIN FARSI

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[unattributed commentary: "Qotbzadeh's Trial Has Uncovered The Mask"]

[Summary] Qotbzadeh's investigation and trial and that of some of his accomplices has once again revealed that U.S. imperialism is striving by any means to overthrow the Islamic Republic's system and to place Iran once more under its domination.

With the discovery of the plot and arrest of Qotbzadeh and his treacherous associates another one of U.S. imperialism's plots against our liberated homeland was foiled. However, can one claim that with the neutralization of this imperialist plot world-devouring America has desisted from hostility and enmity toward the revolution and the Islamic Republic of Iran? Definitely not. Under the current conditions, and amid conditions in which Qotbzadeh's American plot and the plots of the United States have been uncovered one after the other, some elements are exerting enormous efforts to have America negated somehow.

For example, Jalaleddin Farsi, who by concealing his origin even deceived officials of the Islamic Republic and was able to become a candidate for the presidency of Iran, is as hostile to the Iranian revolution's popular and anti-imperialist goals as the United States. This gentleman, who is a friend of the Afghan counterrevolutionaries, has exerted every effort to create enemies for Iran, to negate America and to justify the crimes of the Zionist and aggressor Israel; and unfortunately there is no one to ask him: Other than creating enemies for Iran, what is your duty in this country? Without a doubt the time will come when such elements, who are the implementors of America's plan and directive, will also be disgraced. Certainly in revolutionary and liberated Iran there can be no place for such individuals. Qotbzadeh's trial revealed many secrets, and the people expect the revolution court to issue a verdict befitting the traitors and enemies of the revolution. The people also expect that decisive and revolutionary action be taken with respect to those who have concealed their true face under the mask of Islam and who are treading the same path taken by the Bani-Sadrs and the Qotbzadehs.

MOJAHEDIN DESTROY IRANIAN REGIME'S TRANSMITTERS

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[Text] According to our Paris correspondent, the offices of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization [MKO] announced that in a series of operations carried out in the past few days, the MKO destroyed several transmitters in Lavizan garrison used for jamming radio broadcasts. Lavizan garrison is one of the three bases jamming the MKO radio, Seday-e Mojahed.

The organizatin also announced that in clashes occuring 2 weeks ago, an elderly lady, Ehtram Sadat Zahrian, aged 60, and a 4-month-old infant, (Sahif), were arrested by Khomeyni's guards. No report on their condition has been issued.

IRAQI GROUP WARNS NONALIGNED ABOUT IRAQ MEETING

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 23, IRNA -- In a statement released here today the Political Bureau of the Iraqi mujahideen warned foreign ministers of the Non-aligned Movement against holding their conference in Baghdad. The statement condemned efforts of world imperialism to save the Iraqi president, Saddam Husayn, from downfall and stressed that Saddam Husayn was not the representative of the Muslim and deprived people of Iraq.

It said because of having violated the principles of the Non-Aligned Movement and having committed acts of aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Iraqi Government did not any more qualify as a member of the movement, let alone host the foreign ministers summit of the movement. The Iraqi mujahideen have claimed responsibility for a [word indistinct] bomb explosion in the Interior Ministry of Iraq about two weeks ago.

In their statement the Iraqi mujahideen stressed that they would continue their activities until the fall of Saddam Husayn. Measures of the group in the near future, added the statement, would prove this (?ultimatum).